



Family Communion 21st November 2021

"The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength."

Ps.93.1

The Gathering

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

God of gods and King of kings,
be with us as we seek to know more of your truth.
Speak to us by your Word and your Spirit.
Help us to see Jesus, and to hear his voice –
not just for today, but for all days,
and for the glory of your kingdom.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Song King of Kings

In the darkness, we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son...

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint

By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the blood of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me, ohh

Praise the Father, praise the Son...

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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Summary of the law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: the first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandments greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

cf Hosea 6

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
Amen

Reading John 18.33-37 read by Julie Cawood

33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

34 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

35 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

36 Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

37 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

Sermon Natasha is opening God's Word for us today

Song Great are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

(repeat from top)

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
(x3)

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
(x2)

Great are you Lord
(x3)

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Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, the third day he rose again from
the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Intercessions

by Richard Beckingsale

In you O Lord

Do we put our trust

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Let us share together the peace ...

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We know that Christians have shared a sign of peace since the very earliest days of the Church. In these times, it may seem strange to 'share the Peace.' But peace is from the heart and from God. God's peace in the Spirit moves among us and unites us, physically distanced yet one in the Body of Christ.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

Giving of Communion

The body of Christ bread for the world. The blood of Christ, the cup of abundance.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We are invited to make spiritual Communion with God, who comes to meet us wherever we are. And as we do so please listen to 'The Blessing'

Prayer after communion

And we say together ...

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen.

The Dismissal

Song

Cornerstone

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name
(x2)**

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all**

**When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all**

He is Lord, Lord of all,

**Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love**

Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless, I stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord, Lord of all

(x2)

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Final Prayer & Blessing

**Christ our King, as we go from this place, assure us of your presence with us – for we belong to you. Help us to look for truth in all places, to seek and listen to your voice, and to use your power to serve. Bring heaven to earth and reign in our lives. We pray in your name, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Thank you for joining us today.



Listen to my voice

John 18.33-37

This is an account of what happened on the morning after Jesus was arrested. Pilate focuses on laws while Jesus focuses on living in the truth and being part of community, and makes it clear that he has come to make the truth known.

Now read **John 18.33-37** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

What is truth and where do we find it? We hear many promises in the media about so many things but are they always true? How do we work out what truth is and how to live it out in our lives?

Write

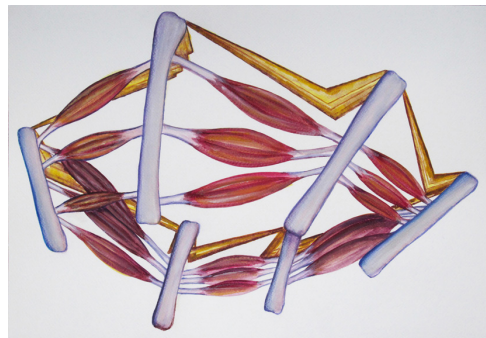
Write the word 'TRUTH' in large letters down the centre of a piece of paper. Write the word 'TRUST' across the paper using the 'U' as the centre of both words. In each corner or quadrant write one Bible truth. You could use an internet search to help you. Here are some examples (based on the CEV): Nothing will separate us from the love of God (see Romans 8.39); God will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31.6); God wants us to have the best life possible (John 10.10). Each day, read your truths and ask God to help you always trust in the truth.

ACROSTIC

Make an acrostic using the word TRUTH. That is, write the word down vertically, then use each letter to write something else that will help you remember to look to the Bible for words of truth. Here is an example (if you are not sure about how to do this, start with this and change it bit by bit):

Trust God's word
Rely on God to guide you
Understand that God loves everyone
Take time to be with God
Help others to hear the truth

Keep it somewhere where you can see it as a daily reminder.



This painting is called 'Crown' – how might it help us think about the beauty of what is hidden?

STONES

Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life' (John 14.6). Find three smooth stones (e.g. from the park or your garden). Paint, or use permanent pens to write, one word on each stone: way, truth, life. As you do so, think about what Jesus' words mean for you, and how what he says influences your life each day. Put your stones somewhere – inside or outside – where you will see them from time to time, as a reminder to follow the way of Jesus.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Which of these statements are true? Penguins sleep with one eye open. The planet Mercury is bigger than Jupiter. Giraffes can't swim. Use the internet to find the right answers. Use it again to find out three fun facts about something of interest to you. Some truths are easy to find out. Some are more difficult. How do we know what is true from what we are told? Can you think of something you have been told which turned out not to be true? How did you feel when you found out? How important is it to you that people tell the truth?

LISTEN

Look around your home. How many things 'speak' to you in some way? There are so many things that do, so many voices that can influence our daily lives. How do we know where to find truth? Who or what do you listen to in your life? For a while – e.g. two minutes – turn off everything that might be speaking to you. Sit in silence (on your own or with others). How does it feel? What are you aware of that you couldn't hear before? Does it seem like a long time? Repeat this a few times during the week, and ask God to help you to listen for his voice.

Name _____

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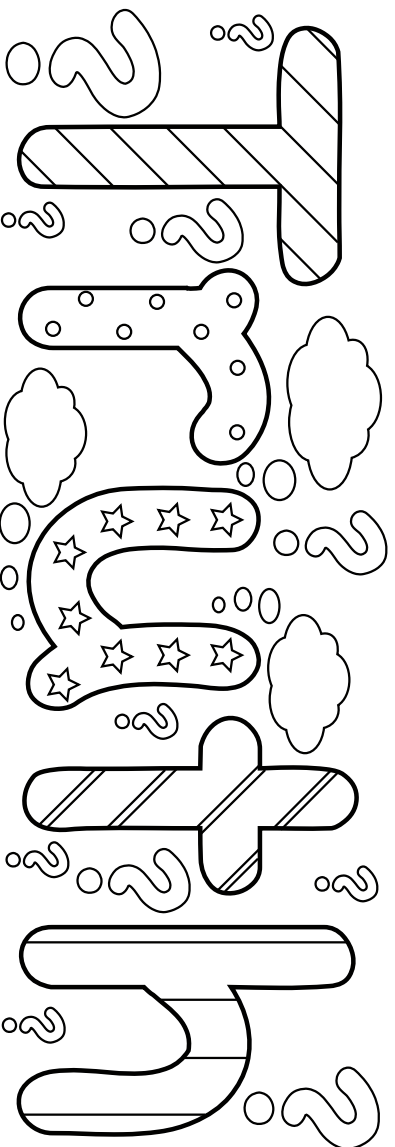


John 18.33-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is king of the Jews, but Jesus answers with more questions, and states that he came to bring the truth.



Pilate was asking lots of questions about Jesus. Draw things that represent who Jesus is to you in the question mark, e.g. loving, a king, a friend.

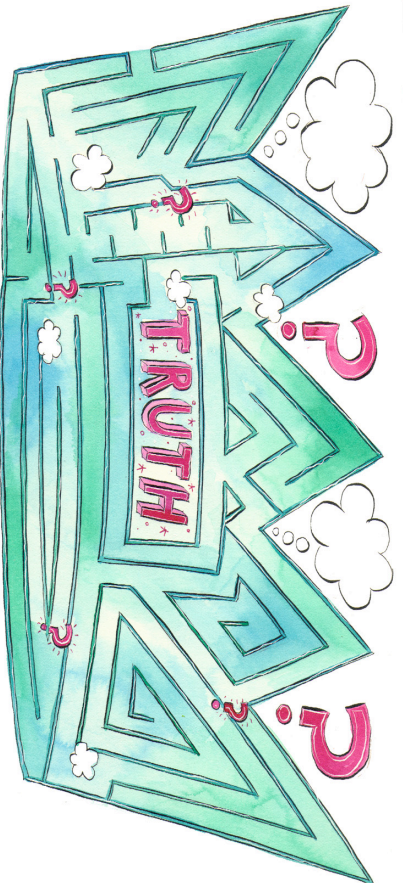


If we listen to Jesus, we belong to the truth.



Puzzle

Can you find your way to the truth?



Can you use the code to work out Jesus' message? To find each letter, work back 3 letters in the alphabet. One has been done for you.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

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